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OF A

COW CLUB,

HELD AT THE

HOUSE OF SAMUEL FURNESS,

SIGN OF THE BOLD RODNEY,

EYAM.

ESTABLISHED IN 1838.

"The Cattle on a thousand hills are Thine."

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ARTICLES.

I.—That this Society do meet for business four times each year, viz.—on the first Monday after Christmas Day, from Three to Five o'clock; the first Monday after Lady Day; the first Monday after Midsummer Day; and the first Monday after Michaelmas Day, from Seven to Nine o'clock in the Evening; or forfeit 3d for each Cow for the first quarter, and 4d each Cow for the second quarter.

II.—If any Member neglect to pay his contribution two club nights, he shall be visited by the Steward of the division in which he lives, to whom he shall pay the contribution and forfeits within four days, and 6d to the Steward for his trouble, or he shall be excluded.

III.—Three Members shall be appointed annually, on the first Monday after Christmas Day, to transact the business of this Society, viz.—one Master and two Stewards, who shall keep the Box, each being provided with a key; and who shall receive and pay all the money belonging to this Society. The Master after the first year to be elected from the Stewards, and a new Steward to be chosen. The Stewards shall mark all the Cows that belong this Society; and when any Cow is ill, and the Stewards

cannot agree concerning its value, the Master shall decide upon it.

IV.—Should any Steward neglect to value any Cow that is ill, for more than twenty-four hours after notice given, he shall forfeit 5s.

V.—The Stewards shall value any Cow that is ill to the best of their knowledge, according to her value before such illness begun; and if it die, the owner shall be paid 16s. in the pound, according to the said value, and the hide and tallow to belong to him; but the carcase to belong to the Club, and, if it be of any value, it shall be sold to the best advantage, by the Master and Stewards; reasonable expences to be allowed them for selling the same.

VI.—Should any Member be dissatisfied with the value of his Cow as agreed upon by the Master and Stewards, he may apply to a Jury of twelve Members appointed by the Master, who shall meet within seven days to determine upon the matter in question, the Master to be chairman of the Jury, and a majority of the said Jury to be final and decisive; and should such Member refuse to submit to the decision of the said Jury, such Member shall for ever be excluded from this Society.

VII.—Any Member that shall appeal to a Jury to settle any dispute, must pay 5s into the hands of the Master, for the expences of the Jury, at the time of appeal; and if the Master neglect, for more than seven days, he shall forfeit 5s to the Box; and the sum of 1s shall be paid out of the Box to the Clerk, for appointing the Jury, under the directions of the Master.

VIII.—Should any Member neglect to attend upon the Jury at the time appointed, he shall forfeit 6d; and for non-attendance, 1s; the forfeits to be spent at the Meeting.

IX.—The Stewards shall, for marking every Cow, be paid 6d by the owner. If they have the least suspicion of any Cow being unsound or otherwise diseased, they shall not mark her; and if it be proved against them that they have knowingly marked any Cow that is diseased or otherwise unsound, they shall be fined such a sum as this Society shall think proper.

X.—If any Member part with his cattle and purchase others in their stead, if sound, they shall be entered in the Club as others were, on paying the Markers for marking them.

XI.—If any Member die, or leave the Parish, so that the whole of his Cows become the property of another, whether it be by heirship or purchase, such Cows as belonged to this Society may continue to be by the payment of 2s as a transfer.

XII.—No Cow in this Club shall be valued at more than £16.

XIII.—No Member shall be bound to any particular Cow Doctor, but may employ such persons as he most approves of, and shall bear the expense; but if the Doctor declares her incurable, the owner may deliver her up to the Officers, and they may make, or cause to be made further experiments, at the expence of this Society.

XIV.—If the Officers suspect that any Cow may

have died in consequence of the want of proper care and attention, they shall summon a Jury of twelve Members, to whom they shall state the particulars of the case, and if a charge of negligence and want of proper attention be proved, the owner shall have nothing allowed from the Box for the said Cow. The sum of 5s shall be allowed from the Box for the expense of the Jury.

XV.—All losses shall be paid on demand; but if there be not sufficient in the Box, an assessment shall be made on every Cow, and fourteen days allowed to collect and pay the same; and any Member neglecting to pay such assessment when called upon, shall be allowed seven days to carry it to the Collector, and if it be not paid within that time, such Member shall forfeit 6d.; and for refusing to pay it he shall be excluded. Sixpence in the pound shall be allowed to the Clerk for collecting.

XVI.—If the Master or Stewards should have any Cattle of their own to mark, the same shall be valued and marked by the late Officers.

XVII.—If any Member send his Cattle to a feeding pasture, he shall previously give two days notice to the Stewards to go and value the same; and should the Cattle die in the pasture, the owner shall be paid according to such valuation.

XVIII.—Any person desirous of entering any Cattle must give four day's notice to the Markers; and if they neglect going within that time, they shall forfeit 2s. 6d.

XIX.—If any Member sell any Cow that is en-

tered to another Member of this Club, it shall stand good till the next General Meeting after such Cow is sold; but if the person to whom the cow is sold be not a Member, the Club shall not be answerable for any misfortune after sale, unless she be again entered.

XX.—Each Member shall pay 2s for every Cow he enters; and until there is a stock of £20, each Member shall pay up from the first for every Cow he enters; when the stock is £20, each Member shall pay 5s. for every Cow he enters;—when £30, 7s. 6d.;—when £40, 10s.;—and when £50, 12s. 6d. for every Cow he enters.

N.B.—No Member shall receive benefit for losses until after the first Monday after Lady Day, 1839.

XXI.—If the Master or either of the Stewards neglect to produce his key at the time appointed for any Meeting, he shall forfeit 6d, and for non-attendance, 1s. They shall be allowed 6d. each for their expences out of the Box, but no more.

XXII.—No Cow shall be entered within four weeks before and after calving, unless they pay double entrance.

XXIII.—No Member shall enter one Cow into two Clubs.

XXIV.—If there should be more than £50 in stock at Christmas the overplus shall be divided so much per head for every Cow that has been entered twelve months.

XXV.—There shall be a Feast annually held the

first Monday after Christmas, at the hour of five o'Clock in the Afternoon, to be provided by the Landlord, who shall receive One Shilling per head for as many as dine—the money to be paid out of the Box. Each Member shall pay 1s for liquor; 3½d worth to be brought upon the table during dinner, the remainder to be spent as the Member thinks proper.

XXVI.—Any Member cursing, swearing, or conducting himself disorderly, shall pay a fine of 6d to the Box for the first offence, and 1s for the second and third offences.

XXVII.—No person shall be admitted a Member of this Society that lives out of the Parish.

XXVIII.—The Master and Stewards to appoint a Clerk, who shall receive 5s. yearly from the Box for keeping the accounts. The Clerk to be at the command of the Master and Stewards, to do any business connected with the Club, for which he shall be remunerated according to articles.

XXIX.—In case where there is some doubt, as to the propriety of admitting into the Club certain Cows feeding on certain lands, &c., a majority of the Members shall decide by the usual mode of voting.

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